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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of joining a plurality of textile elements, the method comprising the steps of:  
  
providing a first textile element, a second textile element, a third textile element, and an adhesive element;  
  
forming a first bond between the third textile element and the adhesive element to define a bonded area and an unbonded area on a first side of the third textile element, the first bond being located on the first side of the third textile element and in a spaced relationship with at least some of outer edges of the third textile element,  
  
forming a second bond between the second textile element and the adhesive element, thereby joining the third textile element and the second textile element; and  
  
attaching the joined second and third textile elements to the first textile element.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of forming the first bond includes heating the adhesive element and the third textile element.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of forming the first bond includes applying pressure to the adhesive element and the third textile element.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of forming the first bond includes applying pressure with a platen of a heated press.
5. (Canceled).

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6. (Canceled).
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a third textile element includes forming an aperture within the third textile element.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of attaching the joined second and third textile elements to the first textile element includes bonding the joined second and third textile elements to the first textile element.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of attaching the joined second and third textile elements to the first textile element includes sewing the joined second and third textile elements to the first textile element.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of forming the second bond includes heating the adhesive element and the second textile element.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of forming the second bond includes applying pressure to the adhesive element and the second textile element.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of forming the second bond includes applying pressure with a platen of a heated press.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including a step of shaping the second textile element, and third textile element, and the adhesive element to have substantially similar dimensions.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including a step of selecting the adhesive element to include a thermoplastic polymer material.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a first and second textile element includes using a mesh material for one of the first or second textile elements.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of joining a plurality of textile elements, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a first textile element, a second textile element, and an adhesive element;

forming a first bond between the second textile element and the adhesive element through the application of heat and pressure to define a bonded area and an unbonded area on a first side of the second textile element, the first bond being located on the first side of the second textile element and in a spaced relationship with at least some of outer edges of the second textile element,

forming a second bond between the first textile element and the adhesive element through the application of heat and pressure, thereby joining the second textile element and the first textile element; and

attaching the joined first and second textile elements to an article of clothing.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of providing an adhesive element includes selecting the adhesive element to include one of a group consisting of polyamide, polyester, polyolefin, and vinyl.
18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of providing an adhesive element includes selecting the adhesive element to include a polyurethane material.
19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the steps of forming the first and second bonds include applying the heat and the pressure with a platen of a press.
20. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of providing a first and second textile element includes using a mesh material for one of the first or second textile elements.
21. (Original) The method of claim 16, further including a step of shaping the first textile element, the second textile element, and the adhesive element to have substantially similar dimensions.
22. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of attaching the joined first and second textile elements to the article of clothing includes bonding the joined first and second textile elements to the article of clothing.
23. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of attaching the joined first and second textile elements to the article of clothing includes sewing the joined first and second textile elements to the article of clothing.

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24. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:  
a first textile element;  
a second textile element defining an outer perimeter, the second textile element extending over the first textile element and bonded only at the outer perimeter to the first textile element; and  
a third textile element extending over the second textile element and bonded to the second textile element through the use of an adhesive element.
25. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 24, wherein the bonded second and third textile elements are bonded to the first textile element through the use of an adhesive element.
26. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the bonded second and third textile elements are sewn to the first textile element.
27. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the adhesive element includes a thermoplastic polymer material.
28. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the adhesive material includes a polyurethane material.
29. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the article is incorporated into an article of apparel.
30. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the first and second textile elements are made of a mesh material.

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31. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the second textile element is made of a mesh material to form a vent in the article.
32. (Original) The article of claim 31, wherein the second textile element is shaped to form a functional design.
33. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the second and third textile elements, and the adhesive element each define an outer perimeter, wherein the perimeters of the second and third textile elements, and the adhesive element, have proportional dimensions.
34. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:  
a first textile element;  
a second textile element extending over the first textile element; and  
a third textile element defining an outer perimeter and extending over the second textile element and bonded to the second textile element only at the outer perimeter of the third textile element through the use of an adhesive element, the bonded second and third textile elements are sewn to the first textile element.
35. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein the adhesive element includes a thermoplastic polymer material.
36. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein the adhesive material includes a polyurethane material.

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37. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein the article is incorporated into an article of apparel.
38. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein the first and second textile elements are made of a mesh material.
39. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein the second textile element is made of a mesh material to form a vent in the article.
40. (Original) The article of claim 39, wherein the second textile element is shaped to form a functional design.
41. (Original) The article of claim 40, wherein an outer edge of the second textile element and an outer perimeter of the adhesive element have substantially similar dimensions.
42. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein the second and third textile elements, and the adhesive element each define an outer perimeter, wherein the perimeters of the second and third textile elements, and the adhesive element, have proportional dimensions.